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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on January 11, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the ABC Day Care Classroom, 422 S. 2nd Ave., Whiteriver, AZ 85941.

Chair Massey, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Shine Burnette, Deborah Clendon, Laurel Endfield, Velma Kaytoggy, Mary Kline, Kirk Massey, Jr.

Members Absent: Faye Smith

Other Attendees: Rachel Daffara, Kate Dobler-Allen, Mona Eleando, Beth Hass, Ranelda Hastings, Monique James, Kathy Lacapa, Rochelle Lacapa, and Maureen Theobald

Discussion and Possible Adoption of the December 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Chair Massey, Jr., reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 14, 2009.

Member Kline moved that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council accept the minutes of the December 14, 2009 Regular Meeting as presented. Member Clendon seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Call to the Public

None

Discussion and Possible Approval of Regional Needs & Assets Vendor

Coordinator Lacapa informed the members that First Things First created a Needs & Assets vendor list and a summary of that list was provided to the Regional Coordinators. Per the request of the Regional Partnership Council during the December meeting, Coordinator Lacapa reviewed the list and proposed a recommendation to the members. Coordinator Lacapa presented the Proposal Summary for Wholonomy Consulting and stated this organization is willing to do focus groups and has a clear understanding of the timelines.

After a brief discussion, Vice Chair Endfield moved that the First Things First White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council use Wholonomy Consulting for the Needs & Assets Report. Member Burnette seconded; motion passed 6:0:0.

The next step is that Coordinator Lacapa will contact Wholonomy Consulting and request they be present at the February meeting.

Update on SFY2010 Unallocated Food Box Funds and Modification of Support Box Contract

Coordinator Lacapa shared that the current Support Box contract has been amended to include food boxes and is waiting on signatures from Johns Hopkins. Once the contract is fully executed, the boxes will be distributed through The Hope Center.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Modified Support Box Eligibility Criteria

Mrs. Ranelda Hastings, Johns Hopkins, presented a document which summarized the current status of the Support Box program and expressed requests for modifications to the contract. Specifically, because so few applicants are qualifying, Mrs. Hastings requested that applicants receiving Food Stamps now be eligible to receive a support box and that applicants who are underemployed (working less than 40 hours/week) be eligible as well. Further, Mrs. Hastings requested that when there is more than one child from birth to five in a family receiving a support box, that each child in that age range is targeted, not just the youngest child.

After further discussion, Member Burnette motioned that the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council make the changes proposed by Johns Hopkins for the Support Box project: to remove the requirement for Food Stamps, add that the recipients can be underemployed and add that all children in the home (0-5) be targeted. Vice Chair Endfield seconded; the motion passed 6:0:0.

Discussion and Refresher on Conflict of Interest

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed protocols regarding Conflicts of Interest, especially dealing with quorums and losing quorum due to members with conflicts of interest. Coordinator Lacapa also noted that a conflict of interest must be stated prior to discussion of any agenda item where the Regional Partnership Council member has a conflict. If the Regional Partnership Council loses members with expertise on the topic due to conflicts of interest, outside experts can be brought in to share their expertise. As a reminder, there must always be a quorum to vote and a vote is determined by a majority of the quorum.

Update on Regional Partnership Council Member Recruitment Efforts

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed the current status of recruitment efforts and noted there have been two interviews conducted: Mrs. Ranelda Hastings for the Parent seat and Mr. C. Bradley Brock for the Business seat. Both applicants will be up for review by the State Board on January 26, 2010. In addition, Mrs. Dawnafe Whitesinger has stated that she will be applying for the At-Large seat. Coordinator Lacapa is still seeking someone to fill the Health Services Provider seat.

Coordinator's Reports

Coordinator Lacapa reviewed her list of meetings in the community and the newspaper articles submitted to *The Apache Scout* during the month of December. Coordinator Lacapa also noted that she is currently giving support to the Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council with its SFY 2011 Regional Funding Plan.

Items for the Good of the Order

The next meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council will be held on Monday, February 8, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., at the ABC Day Care.

Adjourn

Having no further business, Chair Massey, Jr., adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Approved:


Kirk Massey, Jr., Chair


Rochelle Lacapa, Regional Coordinator